

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2745**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Jones**

February 24, 2006

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An act to add Part 5.3 (commencing with Section 17650) to Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to homeless persons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2745, as introduced, Jones. Social services: counties.

Existing law establishes provisions for the provision of various social services and health care services to eligible needy individuals.

This bill would prohibit any county from causing the relocation of any individual from that county for the purpose of receiving public social services in the county.

This bill would require each county to survey each hospital in the county to determine the procedures followed by each hospital for discharging patients and the number of homeless patients that the hospital provides services for annually.

This bill would require each county to develop a plan to provide housing for homeless individuals being discharged from a hospital within the county.

By expanding the responsibilities of counties, this bill would result in a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Part 5.3 (commencing with Section 17650) is  
2 added to Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

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4 PART 5.3. HOMELESS PERSONS  
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6 17650. No county shall cause the relocation from that county  
7 of any individual who is homeless for the purpose of receiving  
8 social services in another county.

9 17651. Each county shall survey hospitals within the county  
10 to determine the procedures followed by each hospital for  
11 discharging patients and the number of homeless patients that the  
12 hospital provides services for annually.

13 17652. Each county shall develop a plan to provide housing  
14 and services for homeless persons who are discharged from any  
15 hospital within the county.

16 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
17 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
18 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
19 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
20 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.